following three vaccine manufacturing Public Sector Units were cancelled and were ordered to suspend production, which were found not complying with Good Manufacturing Practices as provided under Schedule M of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules during inspection;

1. Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh.
2. Pasteur Institute of India (PII), Coonoor, Tamil Nadu.
3. BCG Lab Guindy, Chennai.

Improvement of district hospitals for heart surgery, etc.

3472. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether his Ministry will take steps to improve a11 the district headquarter hospitals to be fit for conducting heart surgery and kidney transplantation for the affected poor people; and /

(b) whether his Ministry will help with financial assistance to all the taluk level hospitals for the cancer treatment of the poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) National Rural Health Mission is now operational which is taking steps to improve health care delivery system including district hospitals. However, as Health is a State subject, it is for the State Governments to ensure the proper improvement and monitoring of the same. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke has also been initiated in pilot phase in 9 districts of 9 States which would also supplement the efforts of State Governments in prevention and control of heart diseases. For kidney transplantation, there should be proper manpower and equipment in a hospital. Thereafter, registration of the hospital is necessary under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994. Those district hospitals which may have such facilities may be considered by appropriate authority in the concerned State Government for registration for kidney transplantation. Poor patients may get financial assistance under National Illness Assistance Fund (Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi).

(d) As per the existing guidelines all the Government Medical College/Hospitals are entitled for grant in aid amounting to Rs. 3 crore for Development of Oncology Wing under the National Cancer Control Programme. The Ministry has recognized 27 Regional Cancer Centres in different parts of the country which are providing comprehensive cancer treatment facilities either free or highly subsidized rates to poor and needy cancer patients.

Autism cases in the country

3473. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 4 million people have been suffering from Autism in the country and cases of such people are increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to provide proper treatment and facilities to the suffering children in the country; and

(d) the details of names and number of organizations working for the autism suffered children in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Data on the Persons with Autism in the country is not maintained. The National Trust Act, 1999 is particularly meant for the welfare of persons with Autism and other development disabilities. Under the Act, a host of activities are undertaken like caregivers courses, training and public awareness programmes etc. There is no definite treatment for Autism. However, early diagnosis and intervention leads to limitation of disability. Pediatric & Psychiatry departments of Government hospitals provide such services. Government of India is providing support for upgradation of Psychiatry Wings of Govt. Medical Colleges/General Hospitals and modernization State-run Mental Health Institutes under the National Mental health Programme (NMHP). District Mental Health Programme under NMHP also provides for proper intervention of mental disorders including Autism.

(d) A list of organizations working with support of National Trust in the area of developmental disabilities including Autism is given at Annexure. *[See* Appendix 213 AnnexureNo. 13]

Nodal centres to retrieve **organs**

3474. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up country wide network of nodal centres to retrieve organs from brain dead patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof *inter-alia* indicating the status of the project;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide incentives to cadaver donors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Committee, set up by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 813/2004 *vide* its order dated 06.09.2004, has *inter-alia* recommended that the infrastructure, scope and ambit of ORBO activities should be enlarged and the Central Government should create 5 Regional Centres/Units of ORBO to cover Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Central Regions of the country. All persons desirous of availing cadaver organs through ORBO must get themselves registered for priority by paying such reasonable registration fees as may be fixed by the Central Government or ORBO. Such Regional units may in turn have one State Unit covering each State following within the jurisdiction of the Regional Unit. The policy decision and the functioning guidelines of all Regional units and State Units should be governed by the Central Agency of ORBO in order to keep uniformity of procedures, guidelines, infrastructure and functional norms in all Units in relation to human organ transplant.

(c) and (d) During the National Consultation held last year to review the Transplantation of Human Orgarts Act, 1994 suggestions had been made for providing some non-monetary incentives including concessional travel facility in Indian Railways and Health Insurance cover to persons who consent to donate organs of their brain dead relatives.